

## Orleans County Monitor.

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"How shall the People's rights maintain,  
Through the influence and control of power,  
How patriot Truth her glorious prompt draw,  
Placed in Religion, Liberty, and Law."

FOR PRESIDENT,  
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES,  
OF OHIO.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
WILLIAM A. WHEELER,  
OF NEW YORK.

### THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes, Republican nominee for President, is at present governor of the great State of Ohio, and one of the best esteemed men of the State. He won an excellent army record during the rebellion and has made an excellent governor. William A. Wheeler is from northern New York, now a representative in Congress. He has frequently been talked of as compromise candidate for the presidency. Thus all the leading and conspicuous candidates are set aside and other men selected: fortunately the selection is composed of two men of excellent ability and reputation.

### ILLNESS OF MR. BLAINE.

There is but little reason to doubt that James G. Blaine very narrowly escaped death, one week ago yesterday. He started for church, on Sabbath morning, in company with his family, walking the distance of 3 1/4 of a mile, and as he reached the steps of the church, he sat down, overcome, and in a few moments became unconscious. He was removed by carriage to his home and the most skilled physicians of the city were summoned to his aid. He remained in an unconscious state several hours, and did not fairly come to his reason until the Wednesday following. Just what the cause of his attack was the physicians do not disclose, but it was probably a sun stroke caused by the almost superhuman strain he has borne during the heat of excitement in relation to the presidential contest, and the battle for his vindication from the charges of dishonesty. His dangerous condition showed plainly how greatly he is esteemed by the nation, and what a tremendous power he exerts in the political affairs of the country. He is now greatly improved, and it is hoped will speedily and fully recover.

### THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The National Republican Convention for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President of the United States was opened at Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, at ten o'clock. Ex-Gov. Morgan of New York called the Convention to order, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Mullen. Theodore M. Pomeroy, of New York was appointed temporary chairman. The Convention then addressed by Mr. Pomeroy. Several business resolutions were introduced. Stirring speeches were made by Gen. Logan and Hawley, also by Gov. Noyes of Ohio, Gov. Howard of Michigan, and Frederick Douglass, after which the permanent organization was announced, making Edward McPherson of Pennsylvania, President, with a Vice President from each State, Gov. E. A. Straw for New Hampshire, and Hon. George Howe for Vermont. Mr. McPherson made a brief, telling speech, after which the convention adjourned to ten o'clock Thursday morning. Thursday was spent in framing resolutions, the putting in nomination of the various candidates by their conspicuous friends, and much speech making. On Friday the convention met and proceeded to ballot. On the first ballot Blaine was far ahead, but could not rally sufficient strength to win. After six ineffectual ballots had been taken, the "Great Unknown," Rutherford B. Hayes, governor of Ohio, was taken up and received the nomination.—William A. Wheeler of New York was selected as candidate for Vice President.

The great amount of space devoted to the "governor question" by a portion of the State press, would lead one unacquainted with the facts to suppose that the office was one of vast importance, and that the welfare of the State depended almost entirely on the selection of a proper candidate for governor. Granted that the office is of some importance, and that the title "Gov." becomes a name, it must be remembered that the governor of Vermont has very little to do with the affairs of the State in times of peace, and that the sun will rise according to the almanac, seed-time and harvest will recur according to the promise, and the political, as well as physical, affairs of the State will move on without serious disaster, whether the governor's name be Smith or Jones. At the session of the legislature it is necessary for the governor to get his signature upon such bills as have passed the two branches of the legislature; and it would be well, if precedent had established the rule, to have the governor so qualified that he might decide upon the constitutionality and propriety of the many acts which pass the legislature at each session. Then the governor should have a peculiar fitness for presiding in the governor's room at the capitol, during the time of a session; the members' wives will all be there, and will each desire to shake the governor's hand, sit in the governor's chair and receive the governor's parting bow; these very arduous and trying duties, require gallantry, tact and courage. During the year, the proclamations for fast and

thanksgiving must be duly promulgated, and other minor duties attended to. But, seriously, to be governor is no great of a thing after all, and we hardly see the need of all the ink and space that is wasted on this subject by a portion of the press.

If the "bottom facts" could be reached, it would be discovered that the great importance attached to the governor question is only discovered by a very few persons, and these are those who have political axes to grind. Any respectable, intelligent, good-looking man, who is not really needed in other walks of life, is eligible to the position of governor. So do not make too much ado about "merit, experience, etc.," there are a thousand men in the State equally as well qualified to fill the governor's position, as some who have filled it, and several that are now seeking the place.

### THE POLITICAL ITCH.

One of the most disagreeable diseases that afflict modern humanity is the political itch. This disease prevails in most every section of the country, and neither medical skill nor the most rigid sanitary regulations seem to subside its ravages. It is not a little remarkable that for the last few years this ailment has raged to a serious extent in the salubrious climate of Vermont, only once in two years, while, formerly, it broke out every spring and increased in violence until about the first week in September, when it gradually disappeared. This disease prevails among men, who, phrenologically speaking, are constitutionally afflicted with large self-esteem and approbation. Women occasionally suffer somewhat from contagion, but small children never take it.

The disease is now having an unprecedented run in the State, as well as the nation, and the victims of the disease are lying by the roadsides, under the gates and at the pools crying out to the passers-by for help. Disagreeable spectacle! Hundreds of otherwise robust and healthy men, driven from the respectable walks of life and fields of usefulness, all scabby and putrid with the political itch! Eagerly they turn their eyes toward the dome of the capitol, and long to be borne thence in the arms of an admiring and sympathizing public.

The pure mountain air of Vermont does not insure the citizens of this good State against the dangers of this disagreeable complaint. Early during the season it broke out in the beautiful village of Brattleboro, where health usually prevails, where the mad are restored to reason and the intemperate are brought back to sobriety, and two noted citizens, the good Deacon Estey and the Hon. Mr. Harris were the victims. Up to the present moment, they have received no relief, though the political doctors have prescribed generously, and the quick fraternity have met in council. Windham is alarmed, and evidently expects to be summoned to a pompous funeral. Up and down the State, beside the still waters of the lake, under the shadows of the mountains, over hills and across valleys, have the political nurses been sent in search of some remedy for the poor victims at Brattleboro. Pityable disease! Is there nothing but a repose in the historic "chair" at the granite capitol that will heal the victims? nothing but the inspiring influences of Scott's "Cedar Creek" and the portrait shades of the great governors of Vermont that will subdue the malady? Alas, but one patient can be saved! Only one governor at a time! There must be a politician's burial in Brattleboro, and several in other localities, on or about June 30, and let the friends yield to the inexorable decree of fate. Why not try the bromine remedy for the cure of this loathsome disease in this world? If these fellows don't get cured here we are fearful they will be treated to a sulphurous remedy hereafter.

### REVIVAL OF THE LUMBER BUSINESS.

The lumber trade, in the country generally, shows signs of improvement. In the chief markets there is an upward tendency in price. This may be, in part, because the past winter was unfavorable for handling logs in the woods, and the market both in Canada and in the States, is lightly stocked in consequence. The evident revival going on in the important line of trade is, we trust, only the beginning of better and more hopeful business time. The necessities of the civilized world are the same as ever. Men must eat and drink, they must have habitations and clothing, they must be educated and trained in accordance with the demands of the times. In this centennial year they must travel, and all this means that business must revive. Consumption goes on day and night, and departments that are overstocked are becoming reduced, so that demand will soon be heard for many things that are now too abundant for present profit.

Mr. Blaine's sunstroke occasioned a wonderful commotion at Washington, a week ago yesterday. There was rather uneasily haste among politicians to turn the circumstance to account, and "apology" was the favorite word for describing the attack. The medical evidence is to the effect that there is nothing serious in the case, it being partly a consequence of overwork and principally a direct result of a walk in the hot sunshine.—N. Y. Tribune.

We rejoice that the committee who investigated the charges against Speaker Kerr, have decided unanimously that the charges were lies from beginning to end. The offender leading men are found to be corrupt, the worse is the reputation of our republican government, and whether they are democrats or republicans, makes no difference so far as reputation is concerned.

### LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

New York, June 13, 1876.

#### Special Correspondence.

The Centennial Regatta of the New York Yacht Club, which came off on Thursday afternoon was a grand success. The heat on shore only served to set off and render more grateful the refreshing coolness and stiff breeze on the bay. There were twenty entries for the race, and the spectacle formed by the large fleet of white wings and shapely hulls flying over the water was inspiring indeed.

We have suffered a municipal bereavement in the death of the second of the two white whales recently brought down from the coast of Labrador for Coup's Aquarium. One of these animals, which were the first ever known to be taken alive, died shortly after their arrival and now the second has followed it. The loss is a severe one, as the cost of taking and transporting the huge creatures was very large, but nothing daunted, Mr. Coup has this week dispatched another expedition to Labrador for a duplicate monster. Extra care is to be taken of their next prize. Instead of letting him best himself to death in a tank it is proposed to tow him down, at least part way, by river or canal. Who wouldn't be a white whale this weather?

In my last I omitted mention of an event which caused immeasurably excitement among our social *creme de la creme*, namely, the marriage of a real live English lord to a beautiful Cuban. The aristocrat who so greatly honored plebeian America was Lord Mandville, heir to the Duchy of Manchester and to one of the finest estates in England. The *haute ton* are ecstatic over the reflected glory with which the occasion covered them, and the newspapers plume themselves on the "future American Duchess" and the "brilliant pedigree" of the noble fish taken in an American matrimonial net. Considering that the lady is herself a foreigner, the daughter of a Cuban refugee and belongs in no way to our republic, the extreme flunkeyism of this rich indeed. Would it not be well for the government to repeal all taxes and obtain its revenues by selling titles to our codfish aristocracy who so evidently yearn for them? How the bosoms of Lord Corruption and Lady Shoddy would swell with pride and gratified ambition on receiving their patents of nobility, and how carefully would they gather up their skirts to save their persons from the contamination of contact with the common herd! The plan is respectfully submitted to Congress as entirely feasible and certain to be popular.

It was generally supposed that the old "Ring" serpent was pretty thoroughly killed, but there is a little life in the tail yet. The "wriggle" that attracts notice this time is the suit of the widow of the Ring architect, Kellum to recover his commission of three per cent. on \$8,000,000, the alleged cost of the famous Court House, which furnished the daily bread of those industrious and self-sacrificing patriots, Tweed, Connolly & Co., for several years. This claim, which amounted to some \$240,000, was prosecuted with vigor, until the city, after getting the testimony of experts to the effect that the building should not have cost over \$2,300,000, hinted at suing Kellum's estate for the amount it had lost through the architect's villany or incompetence, when the widow "folded her tents like the Arabs, and as silently stole away," finding that that was all she could steal.

The most distinguished stranger in New York at present is Jerome Napoleon Bonaparte, grand nephew of the first and nephew of the second Emperor, himself showing the hereditary instincts by his brilliant record as Colonel in the French army in Egypt. He is a tall, striking looking man of middle age, *distique* and of fine presence, altogether worthy, in appearance at least, of the illustrious name he bears. Col. Bonaparte, who intends visiting the Centennial, and then passing the summer at Newport, is now staying with his family at the Westminster, one of the most quietly elegant hotels on this continent, and the one especially sought by men of prominence in literature, science, and art. Here was the New York home of the lamented Dickens and of Wilkie Collins during his recent visit to this country; and here during their sojourn in the metropolis may always be found Proctor, the great English lecturer and astronomer, our own John B. Gough and scores of others among the class whom men delight to honor.

Offenbach having finished a very successful season here will next direct a series of his own operas to be given at Booth's Theatre with Aimee as prima donna. Gilmore, with his military band, and Levy, the cornetist, will occupy the stand thus vacated amid the verdant decorations of the Garden.

This week ending the regular season at most of the theatres, the coming one will be a sort of off week in amusements. The Union Square closes temporarily, after a very successful run of "Conscience," reopening on the 19th with the ever popular Vokes family. "Piquet" will have its 200th and last representation at the 6th avenue, on the 23d inst. The success of "The Mighty Dollar" at Wallack's continues unabated. Messrs. Jarrett & Palmer of Booth's, not satisfied with their brilliant successes of the past season, promise as a genuine sensation in the near future, the exact nature of which it is not as yet permitted to mention. At the Park Theatre "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is drawing splendidly, with Bijou Heron as "Eva" and the original "Topsy." Mrs. G. C. Howard, who for 23 years has played this part

PHILADELPHIA, June 10.  
I find the warm weather is by no means confined to New York, but is breathing its hot breath over the perspiring mass of cosmopolitan humanity which is "doing up" the Centennial in white vests, muslin dresses, juleps and catwaba cobbles. Still it isn't so bad as you might imagine out at the grounds themselves. The Centennial premises are so spacious that the crowd is not troublesome and the location so far from the city proper and on such high ground as to catch every stray breeze, is as favorable a one for comfort as I have yet found in either city.

The week has not been especially eventful here, matters having settled down into something very like completeness, and the business and pleasure of sight-seeing has gone on uninterruptedly and in the regular groove. Several steam engines have been started in Agricultural hall, and by the time this reaches you power will doubtless have been applied to the machinery therein contained, and the clatter of the fanning mill, the vicious jigger of the mower, and the long armed, rumbling clatter of the reaper will materially enliven the "still life" scene which it has hitherto presented.

One of the handsomest shows in this building is Brazil's display of evidences of her magnificent fertility. Among other things is a splendid collection of tobacco, raw and manufactured, and samples of various wines and liquors peculiar to that country. None of these latter are for sale, but the Brazilian Commissioners, naturally anxious to establish an export trade to this country, have volunteered to take and transmit to home dealers any orders for these wines, etc., which may be given them. As a consequence the number of "buyers" who apply for a taste of the samples is so great as to cause the Brazilians to wonder at the number of American liquor dealers who wish to become importers.

Dom Pedro's realm, by the way, has probably the most striking pavilion in all the main building. It is an exaggerated alhambra, the moresque architecture indeed prevailing, but so covered with filagree work and red, blue, green, white and gold coloring, as to be rather gaudy. The exhibits within this pavilion are in keeping with the general rainbow character of the empire's representation, consisting of gorgeous pyramids of feather flowers, representing many of the beautiful species that grow within the tropics, a collection of lustrous bugs, beetles and various other insects of which the Brazilian fair ones are so fond that they wear them as sleeve buttons, brooches and the like. It is from them that we get the idea of the bug jewelry, which is popular, though in a less degree, among American ladies.

Every society or convention throughout Uncle Sam's domain which ever gets together for any purpose whatever, has appointed its meeting in Philadelphia this year. Several such have already been held. The Medical Convention and the Brewer's Congress are both in session now, and the Civil Engineers, Book Trade, Photographic and Agricultural Associations are all coming soon. So are the Good Templars, so are the West Point Cadets, and so is any other Order, class or Society that you can name—all of which is a good thing as redounding to the glory and profit of Philadelphia in general and the Exposition in particular. The Brewers which week opened their special building, which is a substantial structure measuring 28x95 with an addition of 108x70. It contains a comprehensive exhibition of the trade.

Admissions are now averaging between 40,000 and 50,000 per day, and cash receipts from \$13,000 to \$18,000.

### NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

General Babcock's trial in connection with the safe-burglary conspiracy is set down for September 19.

Ex-Speaker Blaine is about 46 years of age. He was born in Washington county, Pa., Jan. 31st, 1830, and graduated at Washington College, in that State.

Secretary Chandler has instituted a suit against Jacob Thompson, Secretary of the Interior under Buchanan's administration, to recover \$1,000,000 worth of Indian trust bonds, abstracted from the department during his term of office.

Two hundred and fifty-one witnesses, embracing army officers, post-traders and department clerks, have been summoned on behalf of the government, to be in readiness for the trial of Gen. Belknap.

Speaker Kerr sat up a large part of last Tuesday. The dangerous and critical features of his troubles are disappearing. He received many congratulatory calls and had his mails read to him. His appetite has improved. After dinner he retired to his bed. His physicians assure him that by the last of this week or the first of the next week he will be able to leave the city for a vacation.

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### General News Items.

The impeachment trial of ex-Secretary Belknap will begin in the Senate July 6.

Carl Schurz has returned to St. Louis, and will make that city his permanent home.

Commodore Vanderbilt is reported recovering, and is himself very hopeful of recovery.

The grasshoppers have gone to Spain. They are devouring the fields on the banks of the Guadiana.

During the recent drought in Jamaica, water was so scarce that it brought eighteen shillings a ponceon.

Ex-Mayor Eastman, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., presented 500 hats to the street boys of that city Saturday.

George Williams, the founder of the Young Men's Christian Association in London, is on a visit to Boston.

Donald McLane was drowned at Burbank's Mill, Carroll, N. H., Saturday before last, while drawing out logs.

Dom Pedro passed Saturday before last at Harvard College, and dined with Prof. Longfellow in the evening.

The lawyers of the United States cost six times as much as the ministers; and the dogs twelve times as much as the ministers.

The foot and mouth disease has broken out with great violence among the hogs at Outremont, Canada. Hundreds are dead and dying.

Mrs. Julia Sumner Hastings, a sister of the late Charles Sumner, died at the White Ranch, Marin County, California, on Monday, May 29.

One of the largest drives of logs on the Connecticut River for years has been passing Hanover, N. H., for two days in charge of seventy-five lumbermen.

There was a violent thunder shower in portions of Wisconsin Sunday, June 11, and two Sunday-school children were killed near Two Rivers.

Senator Twichell, of Louisiana, who has been shot at half a dozen times by a disguised assassin of the Ku-Klux, may recover, with the loss of both arms.

There are six murderers lying under sentence of death at New Orleans, waiting the action of the Governor. One has been condemned to death for two years.

A Miss Stewart, of Hamilton, Ontario, has recovered seven hundred dollars damages from a lover, who forsook her after an engagement of twenty-seven years.

The Exposition Jury on agricultural machinery have decided to abandon the old practice of field trials, and will merely examine the machines as they stand in Agricultural Hall. There will be no first premium.

The Quebec fire consumed four hundred and eleven houses, no account of double dwellings and outbuildings being made. The total loss was, as nearly as can be ascertained, one million dollars; insurance, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The Hamilton Print Works at Lowell, Mass., suspended operations Monday, seven of the calico printers having refused to accept the reduction of wages proposed. The company will resume as soon as the condition of the market will warrant it.

The liabilities of the mill owners who failed recently at North Adams, Mass., foot up to almost \$2,000,000, and the assets not allowing for further shrinkage and leaving out the real estate, are about twenty-five per centum of that amount.

During the excitement attendant on the parade of circus company at Fall River, on Friday, four men entered the City Treasurer's office and asked for a license. It was subsequently discovered that a tin box containing \$4,317 was missing and no clue to it has been discovered.

Among the persons who gathered in Omaha, Neb., to see the trans-continental train, was an old man who had never before seen a locomotive. He went from Rhode Island twenty-five years ago, and settled in Nebraska, where he has ever since resided. During the twenty-five years he has never been twenty-five miles away from his country home.

On Saturday before last, lightning struck a tank belonging to O. H. Harrington, one mile south of Oil City, Pa., containing twenty-one thousand barrels of crude oil. It immediately exploded and set fire to a tank owned by McGraw Brothers, containing twenty-three thousand barrels of oil. The loss is estimated at one hundred thousand dollars.

Augustus Stowell, at one time candidate for Mayor of Newburyport, Mass., was arrested Sunday before last, charged with extreme cruelty to his wife. On the Wednesday before he brutally beat her about the head, and has kept her locked in her room since then. When liberated erysipelas had supervened upon the wounds, and her case is quite critical.

The story having been extensively circulated that unkind feelings existed between Messrs. Blaine and Brewster, ex-Gov. Dennison, of Ohio, makes a statement that he was present at an interview between these two gentlemen on Saturday night, and that their sentiments towards each other, as manifested at that meeting, were most cordial and kindly.

At Fleetwood Park, New York, Thursday, June 8, Parker, the mustang rider, made a second attempt to ride thirty ponies three hundred and five miles in fifteen hours. The first attempt resulted in a failure at the end of two hundred and twenty-six miles; the second at the end of two hundred and sixteen miles. In both cases the failure was due to blindness coming upon the rider.

Gen. Schenayeff, writing from Belgrade to the *Evski Mir*, states that the Serbian Army consists of 125,000 men, and the Militia of 100,000 more. The Serbians are convinced that war is a moral necessity. M. Miletics, leader of the Serbian Liberals in Hungary, in an editorial published in the *Zastava*, uses these words: "We are speaking deliberately when we assert that a Serbian war against the Turks is now more absolutely certain than anything else in the world."

The attendance at the Centennial Exhibition is daily increasing. Thursday the total admissions were 45,548, of which nearly thirty-two thousand were cash visitors. The total receipts for the first twenty-five days were \$269,252, which is an average of nearly eleven thousand dollars per day, and as the Board of Finance has the running expenses reduced to about eight thousand dollars per day, this is considered a very satisfactory condition of affairs at this early stage of the Exhibition.

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